

T O R R A N C E

Press Release

Police Department

Vandalism Arrest

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On Friday, August 3rd, at approximately 6:40 a.m., the Torrance Police Department responded to a vandalism report at a "Chick-fil-A" restaurant located in the 18200 block of Hawthorne Blvd in the City of Torrance.

Officers arrived at the business and discovered unknown suspect(s) had used black paint to write "tastes like hate" and a picture of a cow holding a paint brush on the east facing exterior wall of the business. During the initial investigation, numerous items of evidence were recovered near the scene. On the afternoon of August 3rd, the Torrance Police Department became aware of an individual named Manuel Castro who had given a statement to an online news publication claiming responsibility for the vandalism, which was posted online.

During the ongoing investigation, Detectives worked to independently identify Castro as a suspect by corroborating Castro's involvement in the vandalism through the available evidence and information from their investigation.

After gathering the available facts of the case and identifying Castro as a suspect, Torrance Detectives conferred with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office where the case will be brought for initial review.

On Wednesday, August 8th, at approximately 7:00 p.m., Detectives located Castro in the City of West Hollywood and arrested him on a vandalism charge. Detectives are still actively investigating the incident and working to identify an additional person of interest who may have been involved in the commission of this crime.

This crime is being investigated under the command and direction of Captain Bernard Anderson of the Special Operations Bureau. Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department Detective Division at (310) 618-5570.

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